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From: Wells, Suzanne
Sent: Mon 9/14/2015 12:20:52 PM
Subject: RE: OPA asking for responses to AP questions

Thanks Dana for the kind words about Shahid. He has gone above and beyond in helping to respond to the GKM release!

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Subject: FW: OPA asking for responses to AP questions

Suzanne,

Shahid continues to be incredible in helping respond to these intense deadlines and complicated questions. No surprise, but worth mentioning! Thanks to him and everyone for making this happen. - Dana

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Looping in OSWER IO

Mathy, I think OSRTI was under the impression that OPA had sent the AP questions directly to the Regions, but that had not happened. I spoke with Laura Allen a little while ago and she really wants to get some additional info to Matt Brown. So Shahid and I pulled together what we could based on some of our interactions with the Regions, but we have not cleared this specifically with the Regions today.

Laura, As you see, I have copied in Mathy and Randy and others in OSWER IO to see if they have thoughts about what we release to Matt Brown.

Sorry for the confusion – thanks- Dana

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From: Stalcup, Dana

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Subject: RE: OPA asking for responses to AP questions

Laura,

OSRTI was under the impression that OPA was sending the questions directly to the Regions. Sorry for the confusion.

This table provides a quick update on the ten sites in the list. We think these answers are accurate, but have not had a chance to have the Regions confirm.

	State	Region	
<i>Work Stopped Pending Further Investigation</i>			
SW Jefferson County	Missouri	7	Not all work has stopped. We did stop work planned on a tailings dam, but residential yard removal work continues in order to address the human health threat.
Standard Mine	Colorado	8	Standard Mine investigation resumed on September 4, 2014 after study was conducted that showed that an appropriate measures were being carried out to continue work
Leviathan Mine	California	9	Ongoing AMD treatment and RI/FS work is continuing. Only the beaver dam removal is stopped for now
Iron Mountain Mine	California	9	Ongoing AMD treatment and RI/FS is continuing. Only one planned chute plug replacement is stopped for now.

As part of the agency evaluation process, the status of a site may change

Field Work Initiation is on Hold

Argonaut Mine	California	9	Dam retrofit design work and emergency planning efforts are underway. Discussions underway with California on emergency storm water management options.
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Further Assessment Needed to Determine Whether Work Should be Conducted

Flat Creek/Iron Mountain Mine	Montana	8	No mechanical activities are occurring. State has performed an EE/CA and is working on an action memo.
Upper Tenmile Creek	Montana	8	No site work is planned for this year.
Camp Bird Mine	Colorado	8	R8 On-Scene Coordinator has been conducting the assessments and no work has been initiated
James Creek Release	Colorado	8	R8 On-Scene Coordinator has been conducting the assessments and no work has been initiated
Eagle River	Colorado	8	R8 On-Scene Coordinator has been conducting the assessments and no work has been initiated

For the specific questions posed by Mr. Brown, I have put in a strategy on how to answer them, in red below, but I will not be able to provide any additional info today. Sorry – Dana

Questions:

-How much had first four (listed under “work stopped”) progressed? In other words, how far along were projects? (how much money spent? How much work done? etc) See status of site work above. Do not have expenditure info.

-And am I correct in assuming that work has not yet begun on the ones that say “further assessment needed”? As you see, yes, those five sites do not have any ongoing work.

-What area and what mines or mills are covered under Upper Tenmile Creek? Suggest referring to official site page

-What area and what mines or mills are covered by “James Creek Release”? Is it in Boulder County, Colorado? Is this the Captain Jack mining district or something else? Suggest referring to the official site page

--What area and what mines or mills are covered by “Eagle River”? Does this include the Eagle Mine? Is it only the Eagle Mine, or are there other mines or mills involved? Does it include the entire Eagle River, from Tennessee Pass to the Colorado River, or only a portion of it? Suggest referring to the official site page

-What kind of activities would be put on hold on Levithan and Iron Mountain? What activities would not (water treatment plants, etc.)? See above table

-Same question for the other sites on the list: what's being put on hold? In Colorado, for example, we were told by mayor of Crested Butte (closest town to Standard Mine) that work resumed about 10 days ago.... See above table

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Mathy did a brief interview with Matt Brown of AP late today. Here are questions that he has posed including some from the briefing. OPA is asking for responses before COB tomorrow (9/11/15). I believe some site status text may exist in other versions of the site chart. Thank you.

Questions:

-How much had first four (listed under “work stopped”) progressed? In other words, how far along were projects? (how much money spent? How much work done? etc)

-And am I correct in assuming that work has not yet begun on the ones that say “further assessment needed”?

-What area and what mines or mills are covered under Upper Tenmile Creek?

-What area and what mines or mills are covered by “James Creek Release”? Is it in Boulder County, Colorado? Is this the Captain Jack mining district or something else?

--What area and what mines or mills are covered by “Eagle River”? Does this include the Eagle Mine? Is it only the Eagle Mine, or are there other mines or mills involved? Does it include the entire Eagle River, from Tennessee Pass to the Colorado River, or only a portion of it?

-What kind of activities would be put on hold on Levithan and Iron Mountain? What activities would not (water treatment plants, etc.)?

-Same question for the other sites on the list: what’s being put on hold? In Colorado, for example, we were told by mayor of Crested Butte (closest town to Standard Mine) that work resumed about 10 days ago....

Copy of site list given to AP/Matt Brown is below:

	<i>State</i>	<i>Region</i>
<i>Work Stopped Pending Further Investigation</i>		
SW Jefferson County	Missouri	7
Standard Mine	Colorado	8
Leviathan Mine	California	9
Iron Mountain Mine	California	9
<i>As part of the agency evaluation process, the status of a site may change</i>		

Field Work Initiation is on Hold

Argonaut Mine California 9

Further Assessment Needed to Determine Whether Work Should be Conducted

Flat Creek/Iron Mountain Mine Montana 8

Upper Tenmile Creek Montana 8

Camp Bird Mine Colorado 8

James Creek Release Colorado 8

Eagle River Colorado 8

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